

To the North western Branch of the American Society  
for educating pious Youth for the ministry. -

For sometime past our minds have been impressed  
with the importance of the object of this Society, & we  
have been casting our eyes, though with feeble means & in  
a very limited sphere, to carry it into effect. With this  
view, in part, our Academy has been put into operation  
in this town, & some provision made for the education  
of pious young men, preparing for the gospel ministry.  
We have already two Beneficiaries, which we wish to have  
taken under the patronage of this Society, in case we  
are admitted as an auxiliary branch. - One of our Bene-  
ficiaries is Mr. Asa Brainerd, member of the Congregational  
Church in Danville, aged 19. - He has been examined,  
approved, & recommended to the American Society, by  
the Officers of Dartmouth College, in conformity to the  
resolutions of that Society. Application has been made in  
letter, but no return as yet received. The circumstances of  
his connections are such, that we can expect no assistance  
from that quarter.

Our other Beneficiary is Mr. Isaac Cummings  
a member of the Church in this place aged 19. - He has  
been examined & approved by the Trustees of Union  
Academy, but can receive no assistance from that Insti-  
tution, unless he goes to that Academy. The circumstances  
of his connections are such, that we can expect but little  
assistance from them. Both these young gentlemen have  
been attending to classical studies some time. Mr. Cummings  
may be able to enter College next commencement &  
Mr. Brainerd the commencement after.

Our Society has been acquainted with them both, for  
some time, & are well satisfied with their deportment.

& with the evidences, they exhibit of piety, & of a true  
determination to enter the Gospel ministry. —

They have both been under the instruction of the sub-  
scribers about a year; they are attentive to their studies,  
& appear to possess promising talents. —

By order of the Society

Bedford January 30. 1820. —

John Fitch, Secretary.

Mr. F. M. L.

Letter.

Aug. 21. 1820.

Answered

To the North-western Branch  
of the  
American Education Society—

It is hereby certified that Doct<sup>r</sup> Thomas Hendrick is  
appointed to represent the American Education Society in  
England, at the meeting of the North-western Branch of  
the American Education Society to be held at Exeter  
on the first Wednesday in February 1820. -

Witness my hand & the Seal of the Society this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1820. -  
John Fitch Secretary.

Members of the Society & sums subscribed. -

Rev Am. Austin D.D. 100. Josiah P. Buckingham 200.  
Thomas Hendrick 100. William H. Latham 100.  
Abijah Howard 100. William Hager 100. Joseph Reed 100. -  
Lyman Fitch 100. Simon West 100. John Fitch 100.

Rev D<sup>r</sup> Austin, President. Jos. P. Buckingham, Treas<sup>r</sup>.

Testimony  
J. Hendrick. —